

CHAPTER 11 OTHER MOTOR CARRIER/VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAMS

11.000 PERMANENT TRAILER IDENTIFICATION (PTI) PROGRAM (CVC 5014.1, 5017, 4850 (C), 4452, 9254)

The department issues a Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) plate and an identification certificate for all trailers, except trailer coaches and park trailers, under the PTI Program. The fee for an original PTI is \$20. A service fee of \$10 will be charged every 5 years to maintain the record. Approximately 60 days prior to the PTI expiration date, you will receive a PTI service fee notice requesting the \$10 fee. A new PTI identification card is not issued unless there has been a change of registered owner name or address.

Trailers and semi-trailers under the PTI program may be issued special interest or environmental license plates at the option of the owner in lieu of a standard PTI plate. If the owner chooses to carry an alternative specialized plate, the additional fees required by the Vehicle Code for original application and renewal of the specialized plate are due in addition to the original (\$20) and a PTI service fee (\$10). Specialized plate fees vary according to the type of plate desired. Check with your local DMV field office or visit the DMV website at www.dmv.ca.gov for the types of plates available and the additional fees associated with each.

Once issued, a standard PTI license plate shall remain with the vehicle permanently. The fee to replace a standard PTI plate is \$8. The fee to replace a PTI identification card is \$7. The fee to replace a specialized license plate that is issued to a PTI trailer varies according to the type of specialized plate.

A California "Certificate of Title" (ownership certificate) may be issued to a PTI trailer but this is not required and is at the option of the registrant. Regardless of whether or not a PTI trailer is issued a California ownership certificate, the owner must notify the Department of the sale or transfer of a PTI trailer within ten (10) calendar days and complete an application for reissuance of the PTI identification card in the new owner's name. The PTI identification card issuance for sale or transfer is \$7 and an additional California ownership certificate transfer is \$10.

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11.005 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION–IFTA (CVC 8056)

California is a member of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA). The State Board of Equalization registers and issues IFTA licenses. For purposes of the IFTA, interstate carriers operating qualified motor vehicles in two or more IFTA jurisdictions (does not include Mexico) must have either an IFTA license or a fuel trip permit issued by each jurisdiction where the carrier travels. Qualified motor vehicles" include vehicles with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds, vehicles in combination with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds, and three axle vehicles regardless of gross vehicle weight, excluding recreational vehicles. A California carrier must have an IFTA license or a California Fuel Trip Permit to reenter California. When the license is issued by the State Board of Equalization, the IFTA account number must be reported by IRP registrants to the DMV IRP Operations Unit.

For information and application forms to establish an IFTA license, you may write, call, or fax the Fuel Taxes Division at:

**State Board of Equalization
Fuel Taxes Division, MIC:65
Motor Carrier Section
P.O. Box 942879
Sacramento, CA 94279-0065**

**Telephone: (916) 322-9669 or (800) 400-7115
Fax: (916) 323-4404
Website: www.boe.ca.gov**

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CALIFORNIA MOTOR CARRIER PERMIT (MCP)

(CVC SECTIONS 34600-34672 AND R. & T. C. SECTIONS 7231-7236)

Any motor carrier operating commercial vehicles on an intrastate basis within California may be required to file for and obtain a Motor Carrier Permit.

WHO NEEDS A MOTOR CARRIER PERMIT ISSUED BY DMV?

Any person who operates any commercial motor vehicle on the public highway is required to obtain a Motor Carrier Permit (MCP).

WHAT IS A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE?

As it pertains to MCP, a commercial motor vehicle is defined as:

- any self-propelled vehicle listed in subdivisions (a), (b), (f), (g), and (k) of Section 34500 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).
- any motor truck of two or more axles that is more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicles weight rating (GVWR).
- any other motor vehicle used to transport property for compensation (for-hire).

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES - EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

"Commercial motor vehicle" does not include:

- Vehicles operated by household goods carriers as defined in Section 5109 of the Public Utilities Code (PUC).
- Vehicles operated by a household goods carrier to transport used office, store, and institutional furniture and fixtures when operated under a permit issued by the PUC.
- Pickup trucks with a GVW of less than 11,500 lbs., and unladen weight of less than 8,001 lbs., and are equipped with open box type bed not exceeding 9 ft. in length, when operated in a non commercial use.
- Two-axle daily rental trucks with gross vehicle weight rating less than 26,001 pounds when operated in a non commercial use.
- Utility trailers, camp trailers, or trailer coaches.

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Vehicles providing transportation of passengers only, a passenger stage corporation transporting baggage and express upon a passenger vehicle incidental to the transportation of passengers.

You may contact the DMV Motor Carrier Permit Branch for specific Motor Carrier Permit Program information, requirements, and forms at :

**Department of Motor Vehicles
Motor Carrier Permit Branch
PO Box 932370 MS G875
Sacramento, CA 94232-3700**

**Telephone: (916) 657-8153
FAX: (916) 657-6803
Website: www.dmv.ca.gov**

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

The CPUC is responsible for administering regulations affecting motor carriers transporting passengers and household goods. For specific requirements in obtaining certificates or permits, passenger and household goods carriers may contact the CPUC, at

**Public Utilities Commission
California State Building
San Francisco, CA 94102**

**Telephone: (800) 877- 8867 or (415) 703 - 2782
Website: www.cpuc.ca.gov**

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11.025 OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMITS (OS/OW)

Commercial vehicles that exceed the size or weight limitations of the California Vehicle Code must have an OS/OW permit. The California Department of Transportation (DOT) issues OS/OW permits. For information on size and weight limits and information about OS/OW permits use the following contact information:

For travel entering the state or beginning north of the San Luis Obispo/Kern County lines contact:

**North Region Transportation Permits Office
P. O. Box 942874, MS #41
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001**

**Information: (916) 322-1297
Fax: (916)322-4966**

Office Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00pm PST

For travel entering the state or beginning south of the San Luis Obispo/Kern County lines (includes Inyo/Mono Counties) contact:

**South Region Transportation Permits Office:
665 West 2nd Street, MS #618
San Bernardino, CA 92404-1400**

**Information: (909) 383 - 4637
Permit Status: (909) 383 - 4637
Fax (909) 388-7001**

**Office Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00pm PST
Internet address: www.dot.ca.gov**